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Wyoming Applicator & Vector Education Summit (WAVES)

Pre-Conference: Monday - January 19th, 2026

1:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Vendor Booth Setup

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Check-in/Registration

Day 1: Tuesday - January 20th, 2026

Time Slot	Grand Ballroom	Teton Room
	Moderator: Jeremiah Vardiman	Moderator: Scott Schell
7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Check-in/Registration	
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	WWMA/WABA Welcome and Announcements - Travis Osmund & Keith Kennedy	
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	CEC Explanation - Jeremiah Vardiman WDA Updates - Slade Franklin	Entomology Short Course
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM		
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Pesticides in Wyoming's Water - Shea Musselman, USGS Hydrologic Technician	
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Vendor Introductions/Industry Updates	Break - Visit Vendors - Trade Show Area
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Ornamental Plant Disease ID & Management - Dr. Jean Williams-Woodward, UW Extension	
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM		Entomology Short Course
11:30 AM - Noon	Developing Treatment Plans For Invasive Weeds After Wildfire - Shannon Clark, Envu	
Noon - 12:30 PM		
12:30 PM- 1:30 PM	Lunch - Provided	
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	Diseases of Turfgrasses - Richard Woodward, UW Extension	
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM		Entomology Short Course
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Pesticide Labelling and Sprayer Math - Richard Woodward, UW Extension	
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM		
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Break - Visit Vendors - Trade Show Area	
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Smart Herbicide Practices: Mixing, Applying, and Combatting Resistance - Shannon Clark, Envu	
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM		Entomology Short Course
	Adjourn - Dinner on your own	

Day 2: Wednesday - January 21st, 2026

Time Slot	North Ballroom	Center and South Ballroom	Teton Room
	Moderator: Mikenna Smith	Moderator: Keith Kennedy	Moderator: Jeremiah Vardiman
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Welcome & Announcements, Crowdsourcing the Creepy Crawlies - Mikenna Smith, Teton County Weed and Pest	Formulation Matters! Choosing The Right Pesticide - Sylvia Kenmuir, BASF	Aquatic Management Basics - Kaitlyn Quincy, SePRO Corporation
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Mosquitoes: The Basics - Hunter Deerman - Williams Co. Vector Control		
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Aedes aegypti in Western Colorado, Round 2 - Tim Moore et al. - Grand River Mosquito Control District	Restricted Use Pesticides and Label Dialogue - Claire Volk, AgSyn	Helping Applicators and Farms Overcome ESA Requirements - Dr. Stanley Culpepper, University of Georgia
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Vectorborne Surveillance at the WPHL - Jim Mildenberger et al. - WPHL		
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break - Visit Vendors - Trade Show Area		
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Why sample quality matters - Kelsey Mitchell - TCWP	Of Rats and Regulations: The Future of Pest Management - Sylvia Kenmuir, BASF	Importance of Aquatic System's Water Quality - Kaitlyn Quincy, SePRO Corporation
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Community Partnerships in Mosquito Abatement Programs - Brian Songer, Sheridan		
11:30 AM - Noon	Improving Vector Control Competencies in Wyoming - Steven Trowbridge et al. - Cheyenne Weed & Pest	Japanese Beetle - Clark Van Hoosier, City of Sheridan	PPE and your safety - Jeremiah Vardiman, UW Extension
Noon - 1:00 PM	Lunch - Provided		
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	WMVMA Business Meeting	Ballroom - WWMA / WABA Business Meeting	
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	A Multi-jurisdictional Approach to Coordinating Tick Surveillance Systems - Devon Cozart - Montana Public Health	The value of the right residuals within your weed control program - David Collins, ENVU	UW Grad Student Update
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Practical Ecology for your Program: You Don't Need a Cannon to Kill a Mosquito - Christopher S. Bibbs - SLCMAD		
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Evaluation of truck-mounted mosquito spray applications in response to vector index-based action thresholds in Fort Collins - Timothy A. Burton et al. - CSU	Rangeland Management – Ecology, Economics & Weed Control - Chuck Wilcox, Azelis A&ES	Application Considerations for Mid- to Late-Season Corn Pests - Dr. Milos Zaric, UNL
3:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Mosquito Surveillance Across Habitats in Myanmar and Kaeng Khoi Virus Host Plasticity - Austin Mejia et al. - CSU		Best Practices for Pesticide Delivering Equipment (Calibration to Application) - Dr. Milos Zaric, UNL
3:30 PM - 4:00 PM	Break - Visit Vendors - Trade Show Area		
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Considering proximity, transparency, and trust when communicating about vector-borne diseases - Shelby Cagle - John Hopkins University	WPS Annual Handler Training/Certification - Erik Wagner, Wyoming Department of Agriculture	Sprayer Equipment Maintenance and Winterization - Nevin Price & Aaron London, Warne
4:30 PM - 5:00 PM	WNV dissemination among individual wild mosquito vectors in northern Colorado - Jackson R. DeCook et al. - CSU		
	Adjourn		
6:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Cash bar and social hour		
6:30 PM	WWMA Banquet		

Day 3: Thursday - January 22nd, 2026

Time Slot	North Ballroom	Center and South Ballroom	Teton Room
	Moderator: Mikenna Smith	Moderator: Keith Kennedy	Moderator: Jeremiah Vardiman
8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	Enhanced surveillance during a locally acquired outbreak of malaria - Max Dersch - Manatee Co. Mosquito Control District	What is the process of getting a new product discovered, evaluated and approved through the EPA? - Jerome Otto, Corteva	Problems Commonly Seen By A Pesticide Inspector - Erik Wagner, WDA
8:30 AM - 9:00 AM	Can biological control of weeds help reduce mosquito populations in urban wetlands? - Nahomi Lopez et al. - LSU		Early Detection and Rapid Response for Wyoming - Dr. Kelsey Brock, UW Extension
9:00 AM - 9:30 AM	Surveillance of Ticks and Tickborne Pathogens in Harris County, Texas - Michelle Downey et al. - Harris County Public Health		
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Introduction to VectorSurv: Web-based tools for integrated vector management - Lincoln Wells - UC Davis	Pesticide Producers; who are they and how are they regulated - Chris Tokarz, EPA	Battling Bed Bugs: A Winnable Battle - Dr. Dawn Gouge, University of Arizona
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break - Visit Vendors - Trade Show Area		
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Understanding Wyoming's Elevated West Nile Virus Activity in 2025 - Courtney Tillman - WPH	The biochemistry of herbicides - Erik Wagner, WDA	
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Strategic Communication for Mosquito Control - Debbie Morton - Clarke Mosquito Control		No Sessions in Teton Room
11:30 AM - Noon	Concerns of impacts to weed biocontrol from mosquito abatement - Mikenna Smith - TCWP	Q&A Fed, State, Industry - round table (Tokarz, Heggem, and Lake) Facilitated by Slade	
	Adjourn - End of Conference		